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New Jersey's Corn Production Up 7 Percent from 2006

Note: Yield forecasts in this report are based on conditions around September 1 and do not reflect changes in conditions since that time.

- **Corn** production is forecast at 8.82 million bushels, 7 percent above the previous year. Producers expect 105 bushels per acre for the 2007 crop, down 7 bushels from the August 1, 2007 forecast. The state record yield per acre is 143 bushels, set in 2004. The 10-year (1997-2006) state average yield is 105.1 bushels per acre. Area harvested for grain, at 84,000 acres, is up 20,000 acres from 2006.
- **Soybean** yield is forecast at 27 bushels per acre, unchanged from the August 1, 2007 forecast but down 8 bushels from the previous year. The state record yield per acre is 42 bushels, set in 2004. The 10-year average yield is 31.7 bushels. Production is expected to total 2.11 million bushels down 30 percent from 2006. Soybean harvested area is expected to total 78,000 acres, 8,000 acres less than 2006.
- **Summer potato** yield is forecast at 255 cwt per acre, same as the July forecast, but up 15 cwt from last year. Growing conditions are rated good to excellent at the current time. The harvest of summer potatoes is expected to be completed by the end of October. Production of summer potatoes is forecast at 587,000 cwt, which is 2 percent lower than the 2006 final production.

United States: Record corn production is expected due to an anticipated second highest yield on record (155.8 bushels per acre) and the most acreage since 1933. Soybean production is expected to be down 18 percent from last year's record high.

Acreage, Yield, and Production of Corn, Soybeans, and Summer Potatoes, September 1, Forecast

Crop	Unit	Acres for Harvest			Yield per Acre			Production		
		Final 2006	Aug 1 2007 Forecast	Sept 1 2007 Forecast	Final 2006	Aug 1 2007 Forecast	Sept 1 2007 Forecast	Final 2006	Aug 1 2007 Forecast	Sept 1 2007 Forecast
NEW JERSEY		- Thousand Acres -			- Units -			- Thousand Units -		
Corn for grain	Bu.	64	84	84	129.0	112.0	105.0	8,256	9,408	8,820
Soybeans	Bu.	86	78	78	35.0	27.0	27.0	3,010	2,106	2,106
Summer Potatoes	Cwt.	2.5	1/	2.3	240.0	1/	255.0	600	1/	587
UNITED STATES		- Thousand Acres -			- Units -			- Million Units -		
Corn for grain	Bu.	70,648	85,418	85,418	149.1	152.8	155.8	10,534.9	13,053.6	13,308.0
Soybeans	Bu.	74,602	63,285	63,265	42.7	41.5	41.4	3,188.2	2,625.3	2,618.8
Summer Potatoes	Cwt.	53.9	1/	50.3	337.0	1/	328.0	18.2	1/	16.5

1/ Not available.

Note: The next crop production forecast will be released October 12, 2007.

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